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Intimations.
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THE FIRST PRACTICE of the Orchestra will take place on MONDAY, the 5th March, in the CITY HALL, at 8.30 p.m. Both Vocal and Orchestral members are requested to attend.
R. T. D. SAYLE,
Hon. Sec., Hongkong Philharmonic Society.
C/o The Wharf & Godwin Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, February 27, 1906. 498

NOTICE.
UNDER the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency, Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong.

A CONCERT
will be given in St. ANDREW'S HALL, City Hall, on SATURDAY, the 10th MARCH, at 8 p.m., in aid of the Union Church New Year Fund, by the following artists:—
Mrs D. E. Brown, Mrs Gordon, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Kruger, Mr Chalmers, Mr Gonzales, Mr Joki, Mr Koenig, Mr Lockie, Mr Stewart and Mr Grimble. Tickets, \$2.00 each, may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. (Music Dept.) and Wm. POWELL, Ltd. also, of Members of the Ladies' Committee of the Church, or the Undersigned.
A. MAOKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 1, 1906. 439

THE BOWLING CLUB, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
MR J. L. COTTE has, as from January 1st 1906, ceased to have any connection with the above Club.
All persons, or Companies having any claims against the Club are requested to furnish an itemized account to the Secretary, E. G. JORDAN.
By Order of the Committee,
A. B. MOULDER,
Chairman.
Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 414

NOTICE.
THE WING SUN and Company of No. 64, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, TAILORS and OUTFITTERS and PUN HUI TUNG also PUN MAN recently of the same address hereby give Notice that the said PUN HUI TUNG has this day ceased to be a Partner in the Wing Sun and Company and has no longer any connection whatever with the said firm.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1906.
WING SUN & Co.,
PUN HUI TUNG.
Hongkong, March 1, 1906. 447

NOTICE.
WE have this day been Appointed PASSAGE, BAGGAGE, and SHIPPING AGENTS by Messrs COX & CO., Bankers, Army Agents, &c., of London and Bombay.
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Hongkong, January 25, 1906. 409

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At the inquest at Warren (N.S.W.) on the bodies of two children named Walsh, who died in the bush from heat and thirst, Mrs Walsh deposed that she went to her mother's Mary Matheson, eight miles distant from home, with the children. When there a row started over some horses. The mother said, "Take my horse out of the sulky. Go where you like." She took the horse out, gave the children a drink and started for home, pulling the sulky. She left it two miles away, and started to walk. She lost her way, and left the children in some timber, and brought water a mile and a half from a tank on the plain in her boots for them. She then proceeded in the direction of her husband's paddock. The girl collapsed, and she took the boy with her, but left him shortly after. Mrs Healey heard her "cooing," and came up, and later her husband. Her recollection of the circumstances following was confused. Both children were dead. Mrs Healey, John Thomas Walsh, Vincent M'Ewan, and Charles Daley Fletcher gave evidence. Mrs Walsh's mother admitted the row, but denied demanding the horse. She stated her daughter was a woman of violent temper, and she could do nothing with her. She followed and asked her to stop for the children's sake, and begged her to take the horse. Lillie E. Matheson, sister-in-law, corroborated her mother's account of the dispute. Mrs Walsh refused to have breakfast. She heard her mother say, "Keep the horse for the sake of the children." A verdict was entered that Edward Hugh Walsh and Ellen Mary Walsh died on January 24 of heat exhaustion and thirst, consequent on being lost in the bush with their mother, the heat record that day being 116deg. in the shade.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the TENTH day of MARCH, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Resolutions set out below, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Sixteenth day of February, 1906 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

By Order of the Board,
JAMES WHITTALL,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:
(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:—
The following Articles shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

"The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders at the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted."

Dated the February 16, 1906.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 87, GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 10th to WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 87, GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, 14th March, 1906, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 10th to WEDNESDAY, 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.
NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., when the proposed Resolution will be proposed, the Resolution being to pass the proposed Resolution, it be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to the Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$10 each fully paid up, to be offered to the existing Shareholders of the Company in proportion to the number of Shares held by them on the 1st day of July, 1906, in the proportion of one New Share for every three Old Shares in the Company held by the respective Shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares to be paid on the 31st day of July, 1906, and that failing such allotment as aforesaid, the said New Shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Dated 24th day of February, 1906.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 87, GEORGE'S BUILDING, Connaught Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on 23rd February to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS, 87, GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 21st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 87, GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, 14th March, 1906, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 10th to WEDNESDAY, 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
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Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

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C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

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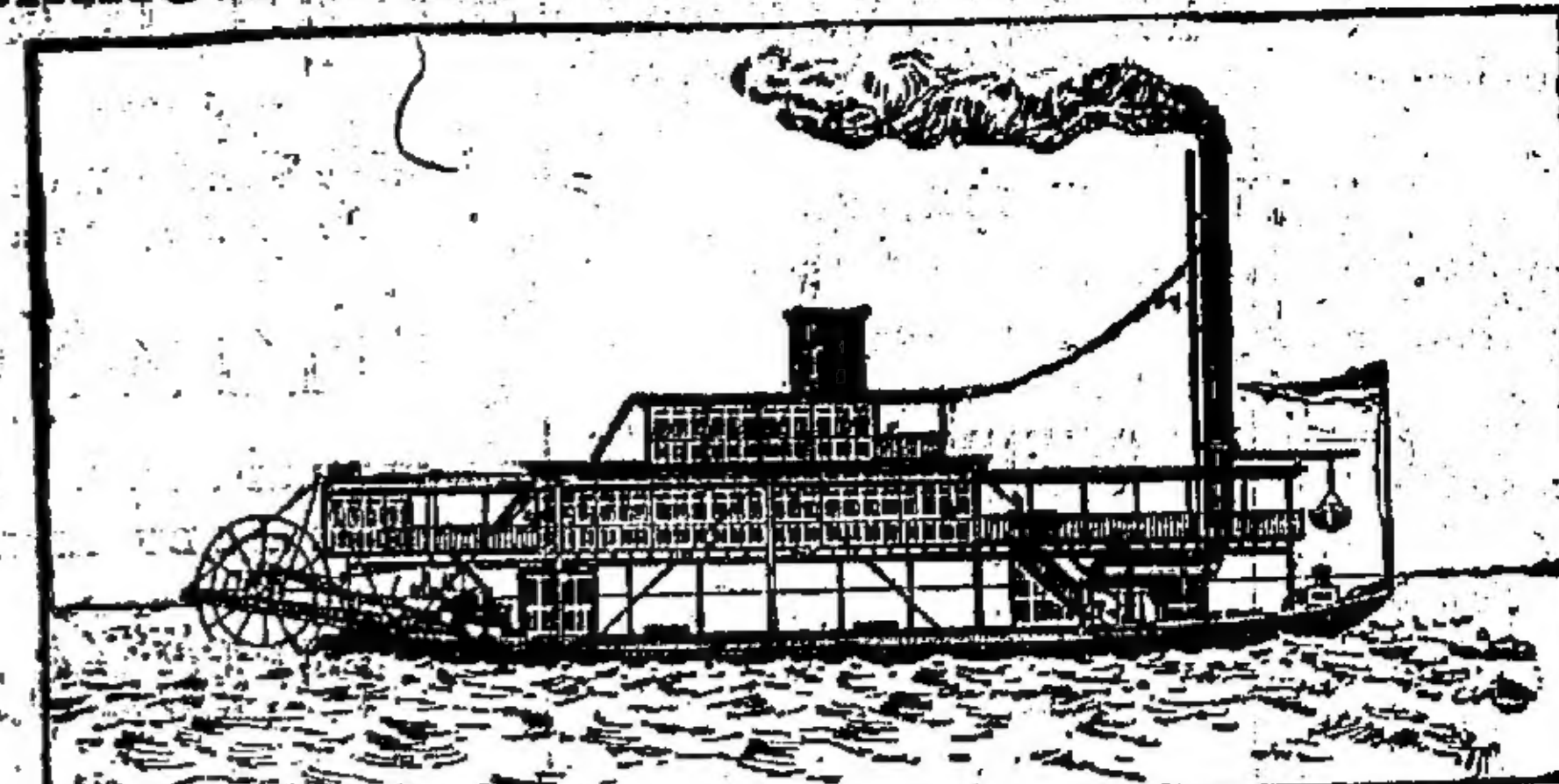
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BY TELEGRAPH.

TRADE DIFFICULTY AT NEWCHWANG.

MOVEMENT AGAINST BRITISH TRADE.

British Minister Investigates.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

London, March 2.

Acting under instructions from Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Ernest Satow, British Minister at Peking, has sent the British Commercial Attaché to Newchwang to investigate the cause of the continuous stoppage of British merchandise from entering Manchuria.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

A TWO POWER STANDARD.

Gradual Increase in Expenditure.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

London, March 2.

Mr Edmund Robertson, the Secretary to the Admiralty, speaking in the House of Commons on the Naval Estimates—for which, he explained, the late Government was essentially responsible—said that the reduction might be regarded as a reversion to the two power standard, which had been exceeded.

He anticipated that the gross expenditure, which was estimated at £38,500,000 for 1906-7, would be gradually increased to £35,500,000 by 1910-11.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH FOR HONGKONG.

Turbinas for the Navy.

London, March 1. The naval estimates include £3,000 for a wireless telegraph station at Hongkong. The turbine system will be adopted for all vessels provided in the present year.

THE FRENCH ARMY.

Change in Training.

London, March 1. The French Chamber, by 344 to 174, have agreed to reduce the annual training of the reserve and territorial troops to fifteen and six days respectively. This was carried in spite of the strenuous opposition of M. Rouvier, who declined to be a party to the weakening of the vital forces of the country.

THE JAPANESE FAMINE.

London, March 1. A Japanese famine relief fund has been opened in Melbourne.

KING AND KAISER.

To Meet Soon.

London, March 1. King Edward will meet the Emperor William very shortly, probably on board of a ship.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

London, March 1. The Anglo-French convention, settling the differences in reference to the New Hebrides, has been signed.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

More Hopeful Feeling.

London, March 1. On the whole a more hopeful feeling prevails at Algiers, and although the conference does not progress, it is understood that various influences are at work to draw Germany and France together, notably the influence of the Czar, who is anxious for a pacific settlement, without which Russia cannot obtain the much needed loan.

THE NEW YORK EQUITABLE.

A Big Loss.

London, March 1. The report of the New York Equitable Insurance Co. states that the insurance scandal has resulted in the company losing \$22,000,000.

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Yesterday we had a paragraph in these columns referring to soldiers wearing their helmets in court. A correspondent sends this: "Para. 62 King's Regulations—In a civil court an officer or soldier will remove his head dress while the judge or magistrate is present, except when the officer or soldier is on duty under arms with a party or escort inside the court."

An association for the promotion of laughter has just been formed by a group of professors and students attached to the medical faculty of the Paris University. The members have drafted a circular, which they propose to address to the various Universities, colleges, and academies of France, calling attention to the fact that Frenchmen are gradually losing the art of laughter, and becoming a taciturn and morose people. The circular appeals to them to encourage the reinstatement of the "bright, sonorous, and joyous laugh of our ancestors." The circular further enumerates five different classes of laughter, each of which gives the key to a man's character. Those who laugh in "ah" are of a frank disposition, and love noise, action, and movement. Laughter in "eh" denotes the melancholy temperament. To laugh in "oh" denotes a generous, hardy, and determined nature. But those whose laughter gives the sound of the French "u" are misanthropes, hypocrites, and misers, while laughter in "ee" is the property of children and simple-minded persons.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Messrs Fung Wa Chun and Lau Chu Pak have been re-appointed members of the Sanitary Board for another term of three years.

Mr Edward Jones, First Boarding Officer, has been appointed Assistant Harbour Master during the absence on leave of Mr Basil R. H. Taylor.

The weekly meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at the European Y.M.C.A. on Monday next at 5.30 p.m. will be conducted by the missionaries of the Colony.

A meeting of Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistrate's Court on March 12 to consider an application for the removal of the Owl Grill Room to 39 Des Voeux Rd Central.

Dr J. C. Thomson will lecture at the Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Buildings to-night at 8 o'clock, on "Chinese Surgery, its Methods and Appliances." The lecture will be open to the public.

Fraya Reclamation Works. The final general statement of account up to March 31st 1906, of the Fraya Reclamation Works, appears in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*. The total money received amounts to \$3,389,406.23, of which \$3,304,794.72 was expended, leaving a balance of \$84,611.51 to be returned to the Lot-holders and Government.

Paris Toilet Company. The Paris Toilet Company will shortly open a hairdressing saloon in Queen's Road Central, under the Connaught House Hotel. The saloon will include departments for both ladies and gentlemen and the managers assure us that nothing but the best materials will be used and stocked. The establishment will be up-to-date in every respect, and will be entirely European.

The Circus. The public are reminded that Spanpan's European Circus opens at Causeway Bay to-night. The circus has some thrilling attractions, and novelties of a startling character. The looping of the circle by three persons on motor, and the flight in mid-air of the lady who is known as "the human arrow" is worth while seeing in itself. There are equestrian acts—performing horses and daring riders, clowns and wild animals. The Continental clown "Niny" is a marvel in himself. The performance ends with a sensational lion act—Miss Margaret and Mr School entering a cage containing five African forest bred lions, and putting the lions through a performance. The circus opens at 9 p.m. Special trains have been arranged for and it is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance of the public.

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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auction.
11 a.m.—Auction of Photographic Gear at Along's Studio (100 House Road).
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
9 p.m.—Circus at Causeway Bay.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 6:
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at 12, Wyndham Street.

WEDNESDAY, March 7:
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at General Manager's Office.
Goods per *Socotra* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
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THURSDAY, March 8:
Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
FRIDAY, March 9:
Goods per *Afghan Prince* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
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SATURDAY, March 10:
11.50 a.m.—Meeting of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.
Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered Office.
9 p.m.—Concert in Andrew's Hall.

MONDAY, March 12:
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, March 14:
11 a.m.—Meeting of The China & Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

TUESDAY, March 20:
Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1908.

THE OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

CONSIDERABLE significance attaches to the information contained in our exclusive cablegram, published to-day, in regard to British trade passing through Newchwang. We are informed that Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister at Peking, has sent a Commercial Attaché to Newchwang to ascertain what grounds exist for the complaint that British goods designed for the trade in the interior of Manchuria are continuously blocked. Action has been taken none too soon. During the war we admired the passionate patriotism of the Japanese to such an extent that we shut our eyes to some of the eccentric peccadilloes in which our allies indulged. Now, however, when we are able to regard things in a cold, calm commercial light, it behoves us to see that Japanese patriotism does not operate to the detriment of British interests. It has been a matter for complaint for months past that goods, other than Japanese, were liable to annoying and needless delays at Newchwang. That city is the door of Manchuria. All the trade, and it is by no means inconsiderable, to and from the three provinces passes through Newchwang. The town is fed both by the river Liao and the railway. Early in the war the Japanese, after Newchwang was evacuated by the Russians, appointed a local Administrator who practically exercised the power of a Viceroy. No merchant was permitted to establish a business unless he received permission from the Administrator. The result was inevitable. There was a tremendous inrush of Japanese merchants and before long some of the foreign firms were bitter in their complaints that they were unnecessarily harassed in order that the Japanese should acquire their trade. It was hoped, however, that matters would adjust themselves when peace was concluded and that Newchwang would once again become what a treaty port should be—open on equal conditions to the trade of the world. Evidently, however, the Japanese are applying an interpretation of their own to the expression "open door." It would appear to mean open to Japan but closed to the rest of the world. Having control of the railway, the Japanese, while the winter closes the Liao to traffic, have their rivals at their mercy. It is to be hoped that the British "Commercial Attaché" will be able to impress the Japanese authorities at Newchwang with the fact that Great Britain is not disposed to allow even an ally to block legitimate British trade.

Some of the competitions which the Home papers originate, apparently with the intention of capturing the elusive subscriber, are rather remarkable. As a case in point *Cassell's Saturday Journal* recently initiated what they describe as a "novel and entertaining scheme." Readers were asked to select six out of twelve names as indicating that that selector would "like to be" the persons chosen. It is hardly likely that any subscriber would return the absolutely true answer that he would sooner be himself than anyone else in the world. After all that is how most of us really feel. We have our little worries and we lament our little failings but we have had them so long that we entertain for them that affection which association always induces. The Frenchman, while desiring to be polite, did not allow his courtesy to carry him into the realm of untruthfulness when he told the Englishman that—if he were not French he would wish to be British. But the Englishman in his brutally candid declaration that if he were not a Britisher he would wish that he were one, affirmed a truth which stands individually as nationally (if the coining of the word be permitted). No one really wants to be anyone else.

Singapore desires to excel in some thing besides her climate. When the punks have fanned local publicists into spasmodic vitality they exhaust their brains in pathetic efforts to prove that Singapore should be the premier port of the world. Influenced by this singular obsession, which is perhaps a symptom of the pernicious effect of heat upon the brain, they roam savagely around (in print) throwing unimpressive hanks of figures at the bored and bewildered reader. That long suffering person is bombarded with budgets and suffocated by statistics. "But books are heaped upon him and his avenues of escape are blocked by bales of trade reports. If the dreariness of the attack upon his understanding does not drive him to drink he is forced in the long run to agree to his tormentor's claims. We have spent some months endeavouring to ascertain what these claims actually are and we have been compelled to admit that they are well based. All that Singapore wishes us to admit is, that if she had the trade of London, Liverpool, New York and Hongkong her trade would exceed that of Hongkong. With tears we admit it. Further we frankly admit that if Singapore were Hongkong and Hongkong Singapore, Singapore's trade would be incomparably greater than Hongkong's. Why not be generous?

"Laziness is a great contributory cause of lunacy," incidentally observed Dr. T. Clave Shaw in a discussion at the Harveian Society, London, recently. The grounds on which he based his assertion were thus explained by Dr. Shaw, who is a Harley-street specialist on mental diseases. "The only way to preserve a healthy mind is to lead a busy life," said the doctor. "But modern conditions—the compulsory retirement from professional occupations of men who have reached the age of, say, 55—condemn them to spend the rest of their existence in idleness. They become introspective and brood. They feel themselves 'side tracked' from the main line of life and almost unconsciously a state of rebellion is set up. From lack of mental exertion the brain loses the nutrition it has been accustomed to over a long period of years. Other conditions are set up, which culminate in mental degeneration. Young men who inherit fortunes and devote their time to spending them fall ready victims to this undemining of the brain. Tragedies of the kind are constantly occurring in London. Many women and girls who belong to the leisured classes are saved from a like fate by their devotion to dress and bridge. The zealous pursuit of these pastimes requires at least some measure of mental exercise. Perhaps that is the best that can be said of them. It is dangerous for a man who has led a busy life to abandon brain exertion. Medical science has prolonged the span of human existence, and yet retirement is now forced upon men at a much earlier age than hitherto. The only hope for these men is to cultivate some engrossing hobby."

LIENCHAU MASSACRE.

With regard to the report and the two leading articles which appeared in the *China Mail* of the 10th and 15th November 1906, concerning the recent massacre, we unreservedly withdraw all imputations upon the conduct of the French Priest then residing at Lienchau; and we express our regret for the publication of these imputations, and for any injury or pain thereby occasioned to the said Priest or the Missions-Etrangères.

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Flor de Oriente (with tubes).....small	100		2.00
Military (old tipped).....medium	100		2.00
Germania.....medium	100		1.80
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THE ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

Proposed Photographic Exhibition.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society was held in the City Hall, yesterday, from Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., being in the chair. The report and accounts (the latter showing a credit balance of \$317.36) were adopted, and the following officers were elected for the year:—President, His Excellency the Governor; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Purcell; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

In dealing with the proposal to hold an exhibition of photographs and pictures, Mr. Pollock expressed his regret at the small attendance. There was always a difficulty in getting people to attend meetings, probably owing to the many amusements prevailing. Some time ago a letter from the society with regard to the exhibition was published in the press. It invited people to communicate with him on the subject, and he had heard from five or six different people, and believed that if the idea was put into practical shape, they would find that they had practical support behind them. If seriously taken up they would find that the general public would join in, and although they could not at first expect to get a complete exhibition, yet year by year they would find an improvement and more people would exhibit. They ought, at all events, to attempt to see whether an exhibition could be held. It was necessary for this purpose that a working committee should be appointed and he proposed Miss Bowley, Captain Marchant and Mr. C. H. Gale as members.

Mr. F. Browne seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

It was decided that the committee should have power to add to their number, and that arrangements in connection with the forthcoming exhibition should be left in their hands.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WANTED, WATER!

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir—Recent events in Nanchangfu have brought into new prominence what is generally regarded as anti-foreign feeling amongst the Chinese. In Hongkong, where such feeling is reasonably supposed to be nil, every two Chinese you may meet in the street, would a thousand times exclaim: "Hang Hongkong and the foreigners!"

"Hongkong" is a place of metaphors and paradoxes—my English teacher said to me some years ago when I first came here to school from Canton. I knew Hongkong very little then, and still less I know English, therefore, I did not quite understand what he meant. Now, although my knowledge of English yet remains at a distance from perfection, I know Hongkong well enough to concur with my old master's opinion.

Without going very far, we have the Sanitary Board and the P.W.D. in this blessed island of "sweet water." This element, curious enough, is a metaphor to begin with; for water, sweet or otherwise, is here unobtainable, except from a taiwan's palace or from the sea. We have not seen a drop of that precious liquid since the river-main has been laid, since the street in front of our door has been done a vandale baron, and since we have paid a good sum per house to the Treasury for the improvement which has proved to be, after all, a metaphor too. It is officially true that we are allowed to turn our taps for one hour every day, but the installation of the water-pipes about our houses is done according to so ingenious a design by the P.W.D., that the water, like certain numbers in the Macao Lottery, never comes out.

While the Sanitary Board is advocating the practice of hygiene amongst us with all kinds of moral persuasion and material fines, the P.W.D., or to say more correctly, the W. A. is doing its best, so I think, to defeat that practice. Can there be more paradox in this? Hygiene means essentially cleanliness; so my English teacher once taught me. But the question always before my mind is whether cleanliness can be accomplished without water, not to say whether human beings like us Chinese can live without water. To style ourselves as human beings is, perhaps, a little too—metaphorical, but, were we recognised otherwise, we should surely have been better treated by the brutal humans of the Water Authority.

Before approaching you, Mr. Editor, I have tried all ways and means to call their attention to this defect of vital importance, and the effect was just like "Mosquitoes boring a bullock's horn," as we say in Chinese, and "to fish in the air" as you say in English. In all probability, those aquatic despots are now chuckling in their sleeve and would paraphrase Marie Antoinette's historical remark—"if the people can't have bread let them eat biscuits," and say:—"if the Chinese can't have water, let them drink whisky."

Is this fair? Is this encouraging?—Yours etc.,

T. Y. H.

Hongkong, March 3.

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Shareholders Seek Larger Dividend.

The general half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Company was held at the Hotel, at noon. Mr. E. Osborne (Chairman of directors) presided and there were also present Messrs W. H. Potts, W. Parfitt (directors), P. C. Potts, A. Turner, E. J. Chapman, T. Arnold, Ho Fook, W. E. Clarke, S. Haskell, V. Cruickshank, W. Taylor, Lo Cheung Shui, Ho Kow Tong, F. T. Goddard and C. Mooney (secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose, if you please, that the report and accounts be considered as read. Profits for the latter half of 1905 diminished considerably in consequence of an unexpected collapse of our liquor and extra meal business; indeed, so complete, so sudden has been the change that we feel encouraged to hope it must be due to exceptional and temporary circumstances, amongst which is probably the rise in exchange, for the patrons of that portion of the Hotel business, which is known as the Bar and Extra Meal Account consist largely of mercantile marine officers drawing sterling salaries, and it is assumed that with a reduced dollar income, they are, and properly so, unwilling to spend so much as they formerly did. The opening of a rival establishment has contributed to the fall, but not materially. This welcome state of affairs once more emphasises the fact that our dividends in the past have been paid in great measure out of profits on liquor, and if the falling off referred to be other than a passing wave of abstinence, we shall have to consider seriously an increase in charges to visitors—especially monthly residents—or we shall have to practise some rather drastic economies. Meanwhile we are using every endeavour towards retrenchment without sacrifice of efficiency or comfort, and amongst other changes we hope to economise by, is the substitution of oil for steam in the engine department.

The dividend which we recommended does not, I am aware, meet with the approval of some shareholders who are of opinion that the \$20,000 set aside last year for new electric lifts should now be utilised to increase the dividend this half year. But as the electric lifts have not been paid for your Directors do not share that view, and we hope that the general body of shareholders will endorse their recommendations concerning the suggested appropriation of profits.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Arnold—Do you estimate that this falling off will be temporary or permanent?

The Chairman—That is a very difficult thing to say Mr. Arnold. I do not think that it will be permanent myself.

Mr. Arnold—I think that you have been a little premature in redding the dividend before it has been proved whether the falling off is to be permanent or not. I would like to have an amendment that the amount standing to profit and loss account should be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of 10 per cent, \$60,000, transfer to repairs and renewals account \$40,000, write off from electric plant \$29,551, carry forward to new account \$619.89, total \$65,949.40.

The Chairman—Do I understand you rightly in supposing that you move this amendment because of the \$20,000 set aside for the electric lifts?

Mr. Arnold—No I take it that that was set aside last half year.

The Chairman—The \$20,000 was set aside for electric lifts \$10,000 for repairs and renewals. Ten thousand is the ordinary amount set aside for repairs and from experience we have found it nothing too much. The \$20,000 is for electric lifts. Those at present installed have been found to be too slow and antiquated when the house is full. They have not yet been paid for.

Mr. Arnold—Have they been received?

The Chairman—They have not been received and are not yet ordered. That is around I take it you wish to have divided as dividends.

Mr. Arnold—No, I only refer to this half year's accounts.

The Chairman—In previous half years the directors have recommended the writing off of \$5,10,000 and have found that it was not the much.

Mr. Arnold—I am referring to the \$20,000 that is to be spent out of that account.

The Chairman—That is for the electric lifts.

Mr. Arnold—Surely they will be an asset of some kind that can be written off gradually so that they will be paid for when they are worn out.

The Chairman—I will repeat some remarks that I made in August 1901 on this subject:—"The outlay on furniture and fixtures will always constitute a very large item in our expenditure and necessarily so because if you starve the business in its legitimate nourishment in the shape of up-to-date furnishing you will be starving the goose which lays the golden egg." A well-appointed comfortable hotel will thrive but a mean badly appointed one, such as we were a few years ago, will repel rather than attract. I commend those remarks to your consideration to day. If this hotel is to keep up to the present standard we must spend largely and even lavishly. We have rivals cropping up and there will probably be more in the future and it behooves your directors to manage the establishment so that we may be able to hold our own.

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each half year, but that applies to the whole building.

Mr. Arnold—If this falling off is to be permanent we will have to do with a reduced dividend. It may be that it will not be so.

Mr. Cruickshank (whose remarks were not clearly audible at the press table) said that it appeared that a smaller dividend was being paid this year than last year, when the profits were, not so great. It would seem better at the present to maintain the usual rate of dividend.

Mr. P. C. Potts—I should like to know how the bar is paying now.

The Chairman—The returns for January and February show about the same falling off as for the previous six months of last year.

Mr. Arnold's motion was then put. Mr. Clarke seconded and the Chairman declared it carried. Eleven voted in favour of the amendment and three directors against it.

Captain Goddard moved and Mr. Clarke seconded the re-election of Mr. W. H. Potts as a director and the motion was carried.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shui moved the re-election of Messrs H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe as auditors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried.

The Chairman—That concludes the business. The dividend warrants have not yet been written out as we expected something like this, but they will be ready on Tuesday.

Mr. Cruickshank—Before we go I should like to place on record a vote of thanks to the Chairman and directors who have so well looked after our interests during the last six months. I only regret that we have had to differ from them on this small point and I think it will all come right in the end.

The motion was carried and the Chairman returned his thanks for the vote.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

Since our American Cousins first produced "The Belle of New York" its career has been one long triumphal march, and even now, after so many years, its popularity, though suffering in comparison with the latest London comedies, is still great, especially so when the company responsible for its production is a good one. And herein lies the reason for the success of last night's performance of this musical comedy by the Bandmann Opera Company. The success they scored was due as much to the clever acting and singing abilities of the members of the company as to the intrinsic merits of the piece itself, although it must be admitted that these are considerable. The theatre, though not so crowded as on the previous night, was comfortably filled, and the old songs and well-known scenes were heartily enjoyed by all. Mr. Harry Gale, as Ischabod Bronson, was delightfully funny, and his abilities as a comedian are as undoubted as his popularity with Hongkong audiences. Mr. Ernest Atwell, as Harry Bronson, acted and sang well, and in his duets with the little Parisienne (Miss Nora Morris) his splendid voice was heard to great advantage. Miss Georgina Corless, as the Salvation Army Lassie, not only captivated young Bronson, but she had the audience with her from the first. Her clever, and at all times dignified, impersonation of the "Belle" was the shining star amongst the other brilliants. Credit is also due to Mr. Duncan Munroe, the polite lunatic, for his masterful interpretation of a somewhat difficult part. The other members of the company, without exception, played most creditably, while the chorus and the orchestral accompaniments, under the baton of Mr. Warwick Major, continue to do excellent work. To-night "Charley's Aunt" will be staged.

HONGKONG ROPE CO.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., hold their twenty-second general meeting on March 14 when the following report will be presented to the shareholders.

Amoxed we have the pleasure to lay before the shareholders the annual statement of accounts made up to the 31st December 1905.

The net profit, including the balance brought forward from last year amounts to \$36,813.29 which is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund... \$1,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 18 per cent 90,000.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account... 5,813.29

The result is not as good as that of the previous year's work owing to a falling off in the demand locally and to the continued high price of Manila Hemp.

CONVULSING COMMITTEES.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs A. J. Raymond, D. E. Brown, H. P. White and Dr. J. W. Noble retire; but offer themselves for re-election.

ADVERTISE.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs T. Arnold and W. H. Potts, who are recommended for re-election.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

From Month to Month says:—The Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Hoare will, all being well, arrive in Hongkong on Friday the 9th inst.

The Ven. Archbishop H. M. E. Price was consecrated Bishop of Fife-Kien on the Feast of the Purification in Westminster Abbey. The Bishop hopes to leave England for his diocese in a few weeks time.

The Venerable Archbishop and Mrs. Banister left Hongkong on February for a visit to the Kwong-ai and South Hui Mission Stations.

SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report dated 2nd March, Messrs Vernon and Smyth state:—We have nothing of any importance to report. The dullness of the market has become even more accentuated, and prices generally have ruled weaker. The little business which has been transacted during the week has been of a very desultory nature and cannot be much relied on as a sure indication of the market. As a matter of fact, generally speaking, there is no market worthily of the name, and every transaction is made on its own bottom with but little respect for quoted rates.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled quiet at \$80, ex div. and bonus of \$1.15, paid on the 26th instant. Small sales are reported at that rate. The latest London quotation ex dividend is 101.10s. National Bank continues in demand and without sales at quotation.

Marine Insurance.—Unlucky have been in demand at \$750 and China Traders at \$93 to \$94, but very few shares of either are available, and little or no business has resulted. Cautious remain in demand at \$340. We have no local business to report in the Northern Insurances.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong have been negotiated at \$22, but close with sellers at \$230. Chinas continue in a small demand and at \$19 without bringing any shares on the market.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have changed hands in small lots at \$24 and \$24, and Douglas's at \$40. Inds continue weak with sellers at \$36 and no sales to report. Star Forties (old) have found buyers at \$33, and new at \$23. Other stocks under this heading call for no remarks.

Refineries.—China Sugars, were placed in small lots at \$215 and \$216 in the early part of the week, but later sellers have ruled the market at \$215. Some time business is reported at \$223 for August, and at \$223 for June. The market closes quiet at \$214 with sellers for cash and forward at equivalent rates.

Mining.—No business or changes to report.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock remain quiet and without sales at \$104 ex dividend. It is reported that more work is now coming to hand, and that prospects show some signs of improvement. Kowloon Wharves have issued their report showing an improvement on last year's earnings of \$64,012, and recommending a final dividend of 7 per cent, making 12 per cent, for the year against 10 per cent, for last. Sales have been effected at \$108 cum div. and sellers rule the market at that rate. New Amoy Docks, after the payment of \$1 dividend, are obtainable at \$116. Farnham has again receded to \$112 and Hongkong Wharves to \$112 without any local business.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands continue neglected and have declined to \$116 with sellers. Hongkong Hotels, on the issue of a report, showing a decrease of earnings for the corresponding period of 1904 of \$31,123.80 have declined to \$240, after sales at \$44 and \$41, market closing quiet at the first named rate. Humphreys are reported at \$11.75 and \$11.65 closing with sellers at the former rate.

Cotton Mills.—All quotations from Shanghai continue neglected and have declined to \$11 with sellers. Hongkong Mills, on the issue of a report, showing a decrease of earnings for the corresponding period of 1904 of \$31,123.80 have declined to \$240, after sales at \$44 and \$41, market closing quiet at the first named rate. Humphreys are reported at \$11.75 and \$11.65 closing with sellers at the former rate.

Miscellaneous.—Bells Asbestos are required for \$7. Dairy Farms at \$13, Potters at \$11, and Watsons at \$13, but no shares are available at the moment. Fenwick's have declined to \$23 and \$22 with sellers. Electrics have been placed at \$15 (old) and \$16 (new), Watsons at \$13, Old Providents at \$9, and Green Islands at \$30; ex dividend paid on 28th instant (\$2.50). We have nothing further to report under this heading.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 3rd at 11 55 a.m. The barometer has continued to rise over China, particularly in the North.

The anticyclone covering China appears to be central to the North of the Yangtze. Gradients are moderate, and a strong monsoon will continue in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate N. winds, fine.

LAWYER: "Were you present when the trouble began between the prisoner and his wife?"

Witness: "Yes, sir. It was two years ago."

LAWYER: "What happened then?"

Witness: "I attended their wedding."

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SOME FAMOUS RACONTEURS.

Tales and Reminiscences of Famous Men.

A generation or two ago wits and raconteurs were not the rarities they are to-day. Conversation is a dying art. One of the wittiest conversationalists in London recently declared that none of the modern wits he knew came up to the standard of Douglas Jerrold.

Modern art (writes Mr. Harry Furniss, the well-known artist, in *Pearson's Magazine*) usually takes the form of broad humor. The commonest trick is for a man to cut off another's sentence, misconstrue it, and roar at his own joke before the other can recover himself. This is far from the spontaneous, sparkling wit of such old-time raconteurs as Douglas Jerrold were famous.

His humor was genuine. What, for instance, could be better, asks Mr. Furniss, than his remark when an editor came into his club complaining that his employer had dismissed him, and saying that it was his intention to go into the coal trade.

"A very good choice, too," said Jerrold. "You've something to start with, you know—you've got the stick."

Mr. Furniss also illustrates excellent examples of the wit of such famous personages as Charles Brookfield, the actor, Garrick, too, famous for his spontaneous wit; Lord Bowen, Lord Morris, Lord Dunmore, and also some prime examples of Scottish wit.

I have met many witty Scotchmen in my travels (says Mr. Furniss), but the best Scotch raconteur was the good old sportsman, James Inglis, with whom I had many a laugh in Sydney (Mr. Furniss was there on a lecturing tour some years ago). He had made a serious study of Scotch humor, and has published an interesting volume on the subject.

"Here," he wrote, "is a capital catechizing story from my neighboring granite country, Aberdeen. The class had been reading the story of Joseph and his brethren, and it came to the turn of the visiting minister to examine the boys, with a view to test their recollection of the main points of the narrative."

"With muchunction and unnecessary prolixity he had expatiated on the cruelty and treachery of the wicked brothers, the grief of the bereaved old patriarch, and so on. This replies to all his questions had been quick, intelligent, and correct. Such as:—

"What great crime did these sons of Jacob commit?"

"They sold their brother Joseph."

"Quite correct. And for how much?"

"Twenty pieces of silver."

"Quite right. And then, wishing to impress on them the added heinousness of their conduct in the lie they told to their aged father, he asked:—

"And what added to the cruelty and wickedness of these bad brothers?"

A pause. "What made their treachery even more detestable and heinous?"

Then a bright little fellow stretched out an eager hand.

"Well my man?"

"Please, sir, they sold him over cheap."

Mention is made of Edmund Yates and others, and the article goes on.

In our day Mr. W. S. Gilbert stands alone in his satire; both in his writing and, as a worthy follower of Douglas Jerrold, in conversation.

He is partial to a light suit and a white hat, and to be seen astride a white-carrying grey in the Row.

When riding there one day he said a funny thing to a friend of mine, who walks his horse up and down the Row every morning, but is never known to canter. Gilbert rode up to him briskly with:—

"Tell me what, Frank, you'll be arrested here one of these days as sure as fate?"

"What for?"

"Why, for furious loitering, of course!"

A specimen of his biting satire was his well-known remark to the editor of a humorous paper, who said at dinner, "Oh yes, we get hundreds of jokes sent to the office every week."

"Then why the dickens don't you print some of them?" said Gilbert.

Turning to America, he states that it is in that country that the greatest raconteurs of the day are to be found, and the greatest of these, according to Mr. Furniss, is Mark Twain. As all Mark's sayings are so famous, only a few are quoted:—

"When in doubt let the truth."

"History is prophecy, and history says that where a weak and ignorant people possess a thing which a strong and enlightened people want, it must be yielded up peacefully."

"Let us be thankful for the fools; but for them the rest of us could not succeed."

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate; when he cannot afford it, and when he can."

"There are several good protections against temptation; but the surest is cowardice."

"None of us can ever have as many virtues as the fountain pen, or half its curdiness, but we can try."

"There are many scapegoats for our sins, but the most popular is providence."

Among other celebrated story-tellers in the United States two great men stand out prominently—Dr. Chauncey Depew and the Hon. Joseph Choate, until recently American ambassador in England.

"Now," said Mr. Choate, on one occasion, glancing up admiringly at the ladies gallery at Delmonico's, a-bloom with lovely women. "Now, I understand what the Scripture phrase means." "Thou madest man a little lower than the angels."

Again, one of his wittiest sayings was made over a private dinner table at which he and Mrs. Choate were guests. Someone inquired of him who he would like to be if he were not himself. He paused a few seconds, as if thinking over the list of the world's celebrities, and then his eye rested

upon his wife. "If," he answered, "I could not be myself, I should like to be Mrs. Choate's second husband."

Dr. Chauncey Depew is considered the greatest raconteur in the States. He has held his own for many years, and can afford to be generous.

Certainly the American public is never tired of hearing the same jokes again and again. It is not so much the joke, as the way it is told, that gives the pleasure. For instance, the following must be given with the finish of Depew to be appreciated:—

"A friend of mine, stopping recently at a Washington hotel, set beside a bride who had been a widow, and on her first wedding journey had stayed at the same hotel."

"She said: 'John, pass me the butter.'"

"The bridegroom indignantly replied, 'She said, 'Excuse my mistake, Charles, and then, fastening the butter, went on reflectively, 'but it is the same butter!'"

MODES AND MATTERS.

FEMININE.

Our Paris Letter.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, JANUARY 28.

English tailor-made gowns of black and dark bottle green and russet browns are the mode now. Several English firms have their Branch Houses in Paris, as the demand is so great. French ladies, especially Parisians, will not have these cloth gowns from the usual fashionable dressmakers in Paris, so that this particular gown, English-tailor-made, has become quite a lucrative business for London tailors. The gowns are worn with the old fashioned sliding habit bodice and short skirted skirt.

The throat a narrow ribbon of Tarn in velvet or silk is worn, the Stewart and Mackenzie tartan being especially popular. A huge bunch of Parma violets is placed in the middle of the bodice. With the tailor-made gowns is worn the "pork-pie hat," rather small and round, usually of fur or black velvet, with a few coloured flowers stuck carelessly in the side. It has a very chic effect.

At the Austrian Embassy Reception the Countess de Beaucourt wore a very charming gown of white serge, with a little short bolero. The collar and lapels were of white linen opened on a blouse of Valenciennes lace. A Louis XVI. straw hat with bunches of roses was worn with the gown.

The marriage of the Marquis de Maligne with Mademoiselle de Belfort was attended by the elite of the "Smart Set" in Paris. Some of the dresses were remarkably beautiful and of the latest mode.

There was a gown of Ivory mousseline de sole, covered with Irish point lace. The waistband of black velvet worn very high, and cross bands of black velvet over each shoulder. The sleeves were balloon shape with little folds, and terminated at the elbows by a volant of lace attached by black velvet ribbon.

A green silk dress, trimmed with white lace, with a perfectly plain long train. At the shoulders a huge bunch of pale pink Tarn. ses. Diamonds were worn with the costume.

A white-lace robe was very beautiful, with large black picture hat with white trailing ostrich feathers.

A white satin gown, no trimmings, with long train quite plain. A black velvet picture hat with a diamond pin in the side of the hat made a pleasant touch of colour.

Pale blue satin covered with silver tulle with blue swallows hand-painted on skirt, with a small Toredor hat of lace and pink rosettes and silver tulle trimmings, was worn by an American young lady. It had a very graceful effect.

A mauve crepe de Chine gown was trimmed with darker shade satin ribbon falling from the corsage in two ends nearly reaching the knees, with the same dark coloured satin sash.

A black crepe de Chine made in the same style, with dead gold coloured sash and long ends.

A pale blue crepe de Chine with white lace trimmings, and orange coloured velvet bow at the throat and corsage, black and white picture hat, with a long silver tulle scarf hanging loosely over the shoulders, was worn by the Countess de Gascogne.

White blouses of lace or soft China silk with dark gray or light brown tweed skirts, rather short and scanty, are generally worn now at Afternoon Tea. This is the latest mode and seems popular, but has not a pleasing effect. The best Magasin de Robes are endeavouring to alter this style, but so far without success.

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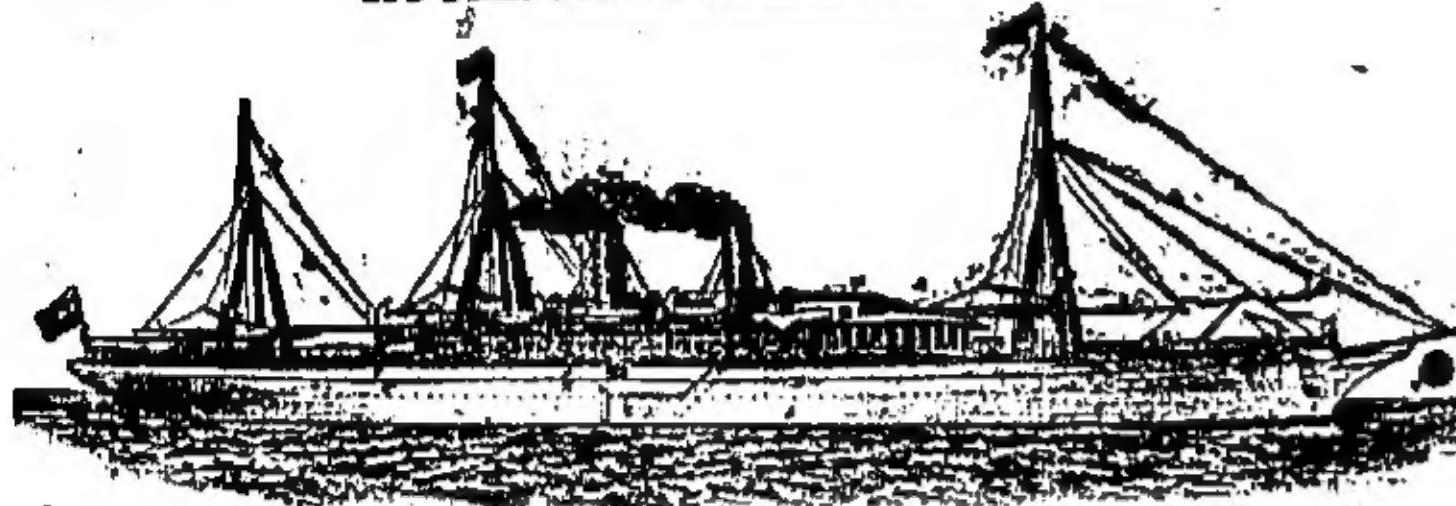
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